

## **After IFSP Checklist**

- Document in the child's chart that the IFSP meeting was held and list the follow-up tasks to be completed.
- Update the database with appropriate information according to your office procedures.
- Send copies of the child's IFSP to team members if copies were not distributed at the meeting. Verify that you have a current release for all those who will receive this information. Remember to send the local education agency a copy, as well as team members who were unable to attend the meeting. In addition, it is recommended that the primary care physician receive a copy, provided you have a release for the physician. Document in the chart to whom you have sent a copy.
- Complete forms and/or database input for all services to be funded by TEIS, per agreement at the IFSP meeting according to the policies and procedures of your district/agency. Discontinue any service forms for services that are no longer needed, due to completion (if this was an annual IFSP).
- Complete any assigned tasks that you agreed to address when the IFSP was developed. This might include making further referrals, providing information to the family and/or team, helping the family apply for SSI, etc. Document completion of these tasks in the child's chart as they are accomplished.
- Follow your office's procedures for establishing a reminder of the date for the six-month review. If you know of follow-up other than regular, routine checking with the family, that needs to be done before the six-month review, create a reminder for that task. This will serve as a "tickler" to help you remember the activity to be done. When that task is completed, re-date your system of reminders for the next activity due (such as the six-month review).
- Attempt to contact the family by mail, in person, or by phone monthly until
  your next scheduled meeting. Be available to provide support as needed
  when a provider or parent contacts you.



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		Date of Current IFSP:					
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	articipated in the review of this IFSP.	Other IFSP Team Member Contributing to Review					
to the chang	e review status indicated and consent es of outcome(s) and/or service(s) as	Name	Title/Age	ncy Date	Method		
noted in the	IFSP.						
Parent	Date						
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Designated Service Coording	nator Date						

## **REVIEW/CHANGE FORM**

This is a multipurpose page. It is used to enter:

- 1. Changes/additions to identifying information entered on Page Two.
- 2. Information if there is a change in the child status.
- 3. Information regarding an IFSP review/change.

#### Enter Child's Name.

**Enter Date of Current IFSP.** 

**Enter Review Date**—the date this form was completed. Also enter the review date on the Cover Page.

Enter a check under Review Type to indicate reason form is used.

Enter a check under Review Status to indicate the status of the IFSP.

Complete the box regarding **Inactive Status** if form is being completed to reflect inactive status (otherwise, do not complete.) Enter the date when inactive status began. Circle one of the listed reasons for inactive status or specify "other" by giving a written description.

#### Enter reference of page/outcome #/service where changes/additions have been made.

Complete information regarding changes in outcomes or services as they occur.

Complete information regarding progress of outcomes at six month reviews or sooner if outcomes are completed.

This space may also be used to enter any changes to identifying information recorded on Page Two such as address, phone, parent.

Parent(s) check the appropriate boxes indicating their participation and approval and consent to the changes in the IFSP. Signatures of parent(s) and designated service coordinator are required.

## Other IFSP Team Members Contributing to Review

- Name (signature, if present, or printed, if not present, at time of review)
- Title/Agency
- Date contributed
- Method of contribution (phone call, conference call, written review)



### **Periodic Review Checklist**

- The *Review/Change Form* is a multipurpose form used to enter:
  - 1. Changes/additions to identifying information.
  - 2. Information if there is a change in the child status.
  - 3. Information regarding an IFSP review/change.
- Document changes in outcomes or services as they occur.
- Document progress toward outcomes at the time of the six-month review or more often as outcomes are achieved.
- Enter reference of page/outcome #/service where changes or additions have been made.
- A periodic review (not annual) of a child's IFSP may take place in a meeting, or it may be conducted with team members by phone.
- Call the family, and determine whether they wish to meet to review the IFSP.
- Contact the primary service provider and other team members to determine whether
  they wish to meet to review the IFSP. If team members agree to conduct the review
  by phone, you may do so unless policies in your district/agency indicate otherwise.

## Periodic reviews by phone

- Review with the family and IFSP team members the major outcomes and action steps, recording the results and progress made.
- Based on input from the family and other team members, document progress by
  indicating whether the outcome has been completed, or is ongoing, modified,
  delayed, etc. Refer to the Review Status Key on the IFSP form for this purpose.
  Record this information on the IFSP form and the Review/Change Form. Include a
  brief comment that describes the child's progress and/or modifications being made to
  the program plan by the team.
- After reviewing this information with team members, ask if you may print their name
  on the Review/Change Form indicating their agreement to the content, as discussed.
  Under the Method column, indicate that their participation was by phone.

- Mail the Review/Change Form to the parent for their signature. Include a stamped, addressed envelope for them to use when returning the signed form to you. Keep a copy.
- Send copies to the IFSP team members when the signed form is returned. Be sure that you have current release forms for all IFSP team members.
- Document in the child's chart that the review was completed, and update the database as indicated by policies and procedures in your office/agency.

## Periodic reviews by meeting

- Communicate with the family and other IFSP team members while arranging the
  meeting at a convenient time and setting for the family. Send the completed IFSP
  Meeting Invitation to team members.
- At the meeting, review the IFSP major outcomes and action steps, recording the results and progress made by:
  - Entering reference of page/outcome #/service where changes/additions have been made.
  - Completing information regarding changes in outcomes or services.
  - Completing information regarding progress of outcomes at six-month reviews or sooner if outcomes are completed.
  - Using this form to enter any changes to identifying information recorded on Page two such as address, phone, parent, etc.
- Review Status and Review Date portions of the child's IFSP (found on pages 6-Outcomes/Action Steps and 7- Services) must be updated when reviews are completed and/or when modifications to an outcome are made in agreement with the family and documented with a Review/Change Form. This applies whether the meeting is by phone or in person.
- Have members of the team sign the *Review/Change Form*.
- Mail copies to team members if it was not possible to provide copies at the meeting. Remember to send copies to team members who were unable to attend, as well as to the representative from the local education agency, and the child's primary care physician. Ensure that releases for all team members are current.
- Make any new referrals, and/or complete any new tasks that resulted from this program review.
- Document in the child's chart that the review was completed, and update the database as indicated by policies and procedures in your office/agency.
- Follow office procedures for terminating any unneeded funding service forms, and for initiating new service forms in order to designate funds for services added at the time of this review.

# Interim Individualized Family Service Plan Procedures

## An interim IFSP is developed:

- In the event of exceptional circumstances that make it impossible to complete the evaluation and assessment within 45 days or
- When early intervention services have been determined to be needed immediately by the child and the child's family.

## Early provision of services:

- With the parent's consent, early intervention services may commence prior to the completion of evaluation of the child. This provision should be used sparingly and appropriately.
- An interim IFSP should be developed, using the family-centered process.
- Certain services may be prescribed before the assessment is completed (e.g., physical therapy for a child with cerebral palsy).
- The child must still receive a multidisciplinary evaluation.
- Service coordination services can be provided and are important in ensuring that information is shared and family choices are honored.
- A flexible system is one that balances the need for early services against waiting for a multidisciplinary evaluation (McGonigel, 1991).

## Page One:

- Interim IFSP meeting date is the date that the Interim IFSP was developed with the parent.
- Date of referral is the date that the child was referred to the public agency/early intervention system.
- Due date for the initial IFSP is the date 45 days after the referral date to the public agency/early intervention system.
- Justification for interim IFSP is for one of the two reasons given.

Documentation for delay in completion of evaluation is to explain the exceptional circumstances. These exceptional circumstances may be due to child's illness, family crisis, or other circumstances related to the family that make completion of evaluation within 45 days impossible.

## Page Two:

 Referral source is the primary referral source who referred the child to the public agency within the system for evaluation and assessment. Referral recommendations include the referral source's concerns and early intervention services that are determined to be needed immediately by the child and the child's family. (e.g., a child with cerebral palsy is to begin receiving physical therapy as soon as possible)

- Informed parental consent-Written parental consent must be obtained before conducting evaluation and assessment and initiating the provision of early intervention services.
- Incoming service coordinator is the person who has been working with the family since the initial referral of the child for evaluation.

## Page Three:

- The services listed are those that have been identified as needed immediately by the child and the family.
- Identify those services that are required and non-required according to CFR 303.12.
- Identify who will provide the services needed.
- Starting date of the services to be provided.
- Ending date is the date that the initial IFSP is scheduled to be completed.
- Identify those services that are provided in a natural environment with\*.
- Frequency is the number of days that a service is to be provided.
- Intensity is the length of time the service is provided and whether it is individual or group basis.
- Payor is the funding source to be used in paying for those services.

Action steps leading to the initial IFSP should outline the actions that are being taken to complete comprehensive and multidisciplinary evaluations and assessments needed in order to complete the initial IFSP in a timely manner.

Justification of the extent to which the services will not be provided in a natural environment is a written statement explaining the location of services in an environment which is not natural for the child.

# **Interim Individualized Family Service Plan**

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### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERIM IFSP**

#### PAGE 1.

#### INTERIM IFSP MEETING DATE IS THE DATE THAT INTERIM IFSP WAS DEVELOPED WITH THE PARENT.

#### DATE OF REFERRAL IS THE DATE THAT THE CHILD WAS REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC AGENCY.

303.20 <u>Public agency</u>. As used in this part public agency includes the lead agency and any other political subdivision of the State that is responsible for providing early intervention services to children eligible under this part and their families.

303.321 Comprehensive child find system. (e) Timelines for public agencies to act on referrals.

- (1) Once a public agency receives a referral, it shall appoint a service coordinator as soon as possible.
- (2) Within 45 days after it receives a referral, the public agency shall
  - (i) Complete the evaluation and assessment activities in 303-322 and
  - (ii) Hold an IFSP meeting in accordance with 303.342

# DUE DATE FOR INITIAL IFSP IS THE DATE 45-DAYS AFTER THE REFERRAL DATE TO THE PUBLIC AGENCY JUSTIFICATION FOR INTERIM IFSP IS FOR ONE OF TWO REASONS GIVEN:

## 303.322 Evaluation and assessment.

- (e) Timelines.
  - (1) Except as provided in paragraph (e) (2) of this section, the evaluation and initial assessment of each child (including the family assessment) must be completed with the 45 day time period required in 303.321(e).
  - (2) The lead agency shall develop procedures to ensure that in the event of exceptional circumstances that make it impossible to complete the evaluation and assessment within 45-days (e.g. if the child is ill), public agencies will
    - (i) Document those circumstances and
    - (ii) Develop and implement an Interim IFSP to the extent appropriate and consistent with 303.345 (b)(1) and (b)(2).

## 303.345 Provision of services before evaluation and assessment are completed.

Early intervention services for an eligible child and the child's family may commence before the completion of the evaluation and assessment in 303.322 if the following conditions are met:

- (a) Parental consent is obtained
- (b) An interim IFSP is developed that includes
  - (1) The name of the service coordinator who will be responsible, consistent with 303.344 (g) for the implementation of the interim IFSP and coordination with other agencies and persons; and
  - (2) The early intervention services that have been determined to be needed immediately by the child and the child's family
- (c) The evaluation and assessment are completed with the time period required in 303.322(e)

## DOCUMENTATION FOR DELAY IN COMPLETION OF EVALUATION IS TO EXPLAIN THE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

identifying information				
Child's Name:			Referral Source: _	endations:
Parent's Name(s):			endations:	
Address:				
City	State	Zip	_	
Phone Child's Birth Date:	Child's	County Present Age:		
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Parent Signature Date		Pare	nt Signature	Date
I have been informe		Part C/P.L. 10 nd my rights as a parent as of Infants and Toddle	t under Part C of 105-17.	I have received a copy of
Parent Signature	Date	Pare	ent Signature	Date
Incoming Service Coordinator:			Agency: _	

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERIM IFSP

#### PAGE 2.

REFERRAL SOURCE IS THE PRIMARY REFERRAL SOURCE WHO REFERRED THE CHILD TO THE PUBLIC AGENCY WITHIN THE SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT.

REFERRAL RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDES THE REFERRAL SOURCE'S CONCERNS AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES THAT ARE DETERMINED TO BE NEEDED IMMEDIATELY BY THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S FAMILY.

**303.345 NOTE:** This section is intended to accomplish two specific purposes: (1) To facilitate the provision of services in the event that a child has an obvious immediate need that is identified, even at the time of referral (e.g. a physician recommends that a child with cerebral palsy begins receiving physical therapy as soon as possible) and to ensure that the requirements for the timely evaluation and assessment are not circumvented.

#### INFORMED PARENTAL CONSENT

303.404 Parental Consent

- (a )Written parental consent must be obtained before
  - (1) Conducting the initial evaluation and assessment of a child under 303.322; and
  - (2) Initiating the provision of early intervention services (see 303.342 (e)).

## 303.401 Definition of consent

As used in this part

- (a) Consent means that -
  - (1) The parent has been fully informed of all information relevant to the activity for which consent is sought, in the parent's native language or other mode of communication;
  - (2) The parent understands and agrees in writing to the carrying out of the activity for which consent is sought, and the consent describes that activity and lists the records (if any) that will be released and to whom; and
  - (3) The parent understands that the granting of consent is voluntary on the part of the parent and may be revoked at any time.

INCOMING SERVICE COORDINATOR IS THE PERSON WHO HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE FAMILY SINCE THE INITIAL REFERRAL OF THE CHILD FOR EVALATION.

## **INTERIM SERVICES**

Child's Name:

Services Needed Immediately	Required/ Non-required	Provider	Starting Date	Pending IFSP Date/ Ending Date	Environment/ * Natural Environment	Frequency	Intensity	Payor
Justification of the extent to which service(s) will not be provided in a natural environment:								
Action steps leading to the initial Individualized Family Service Plan:								

### **INTERIM IFSP**

#### PAGE 3

- 1. The services listed are those that have been identified as needed immediately by the child and the family
- 2. Identify those services that are required and non-required according to 303.12
- 3. Provider identifies who will provide the services needed
- 4. Starting date of the services to be provided
- 5. Ending date is the date that the initial IFSP is scheduled to be completed
- 6. Identify those services that are provided in a **natural environment** with an \* asterisk".
- 7. **Frequency** is the number of days the service is to be provided
- 8. Intensity is the length of time the service is provided and whether it is on an individual or group basis
- 9. Payor is the funding source to be used in paying for those services

ACTION STEPS LEADING TO THE INITIAL IFSP SHOULD OUTLINE THE ACTIONS THAT ARE BEING TAKEN TO COMPLETE COMPREHENSIVE AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY EVALUATION, AND ASSESSMENTS NEEDED IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE INITIAL IFSP IN A TIMELY MANNER.

JUSTIFICATION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE SERVICES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED IN A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS A WRITTEN STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE LOCATION OF SERVICES IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS NOT NATURAL FOR THE CHILD. 303.12 Early intervention services.

- (b) Natural environment
  - (1) To the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the child, early intervention services must be provided in natural environments, including the home and community settings in which children without disabilities participate
  - (2) As used in paragraph (b) of this section, natural environment means settings that are natural or normal for the child's age peers who have no disability



## Dr. Seuss on IFSPs (Rhythm From Green Eggs & Ham) Author Unknown

#### Do You Like IFSPs?

I Do Not Like IFSPs
I Do Not Like Them, Geez Louise
We Test, We Check
We Plan, We Meet
But Nothing Ever Seems Complete

## Would You, Could You, Like The Form?

I Do Not Like The Form I See Not Page 1, Not 2, Not 3 Another Change-A Brand New Box I Think We All Have Lost Our Rocks!

#### **Could You All Meet Here Or There?**

We Could Not All Meet Here Or There We Cannot All Fit Anywhere! Not In A Room, Not In A Hall There Seems To Be No Space At All

## Would You, Could You Meet Again?

I Cannot Meet Again Next Week
No Lunch, No Prep-Please Hear Me Speak
No Not At Dusk, No Not At Dawn
At 4 P.M. I Should Be Gone

# Could You Hear While All Speak Out? Would You Write The Words They Spout?

I Could Not Hear, I Would Not Write This Does Not Need To Be A Fight Sign Here, Date There, Mark This, Check That Beware The Student's Ad-Vo-Cat (e)

## You Do Not Like Them So You Say But Try Again, And Then You May

If You Will Only Let Me Be I'll Try Again And We Will See

#### Say!

I Almost Like IFSP's
I Think I'll Write Six Thousand Three
I Will Practice Day And Night
Until They Say
"You've Got It Right!